

routine Exclusive Economic Zone surveillance also direct fishing vessels operating close to International Boundary Line to fish well within the Indian waters.

Institution facilitating girls' entry into defence forces

3667. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter suggesting that institutions on the lines of Sainik Schools be set up to impart education with necessary training for girls to facilitate their entry into the defence forces was received long back from Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) by when such schools will be started; and

(d) the details of such schools with their locations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A letter was received from Minister of State Education, Women and Child Welfare, Government of Gujarat, in 1998.

(b) to (d) The proposal to open Sainik schools for girls had not been agreed as such schools are not considered necessary at this time.

Budgetary allocation for LCA engine

3668. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated in this year's budget for research and development activities of the LCA engine;

(b) by when the Kaveri Engine is going to be replaced with the US Engine; and

(c) how many tests have been conducted on Kaveri Engine, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The total amount proposed for R&D activities of Kaveri engine during this year is Rs. 150 crore.